

Application No. 10/804,040
Attorney Docket No. 042255

Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111
Response filed: April 17, 2006

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. The attached drawing correction removes the reference no. "40" from the designation of the fixing mechanism 42.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-4 are herein amended. Support for the amendments is as set forth below.

Applicants' Response to the Objection to the Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "40" has been used to designate parts in both the "fixing mechanism" and the "dedicated unit." In response thereto applicants have removed the reference no. "40" from the designation of the fixing mechanism in Figure 1.

Applicants' Response to the Objection to the Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because of the phrase "The present invention provides". In response thereto, applicants have adopted the Examiner's suggestion and deleted the phrase.

The disclosure is objected to on the basis that the specification is confusing. Specifically, reference numerals "40" and "41" are alternatively used to designate the "end effector" and the "dedicated unit." In response thereto applicants have amended the specification so that "End effector" is no longer referred to by reference no. 40.

Applicants' Response to the Claim Objections

Claims 1-19 stand objected to because of the term "contents" in lines 24 and 28 of claim 1, lines 9 and 16 of claim 2. In response thereto applicants have adopted the Examiner suggestions and replaced the term with --requirements--.

Applicants' Response to the Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regard as the invention. Specifically, claims 1 and 2 recite the limitation "the contents" in lines 24 and 9 respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that by addressing the claim objection as discussed above, this rejection is likewise addressed.

Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected for the limitations "the other-process parts mounting and assembling apparatuses" and "the other-process parts mounting and assembling apparatus" in lines 6-9 of each claim. The Office Action maintains that there is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claims. In response thereto applicants have removed the first "the" to properly identify basis.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.


If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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